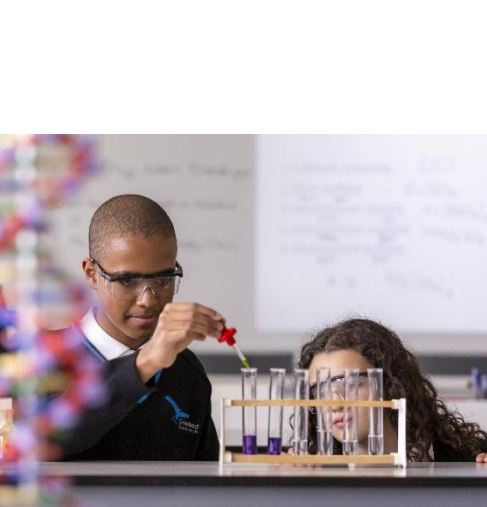


Celebrating Denefield Friday 17 March 2023





As we move into the second half of the academic year, older students in particular are focusing more and more on preparations for their final exams, and on what they will study or what careers they will pursue afterwards. But for all students, the development of their CHARACTER values remains paramount. This is perhaps seen most clearly in the Mock Trial competition led by Miss Doyle and supported by Harriet from Year 13. As Miss Doyle's piece shows, students spent several weeks planning for what was literally a gruelling trial by jury at Reading Crown Court. I had the pleasure of watching our team practice and was immensely impressed by their articulacy and ability to put forward their arguments clearly and cogently, but also the confidence they showed to compete in public, along with resilience necessary to cope under pressure. The mock trial competition is just one of Denefield's many extra-curricular activities that enables students to develop CHARACTER values, to work with students from different year groups, and to work with staff in a different setting.



I would also like to congratulate students on their fundraising for Red Nose day. As a result of today's non-uniform day, the school has already raised £1500 with further contributions still coming in. If you are yet to donate but wish to do so, please do so [here](#).

With best wishes for the weekend

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher

Included in this edition...



Diary dates – academic year 2022 – 2023	
Tuesday 21 March to Thursday 23 March 2023	School show – Bussy Malone
Monday 27 March to Friday 31 March 2023	Normandy Visit - Year 8, 9 and 10 (selected students)
Thursday 30 March 2023	Year 8 Online Parents evening 4.00pm to 8.00pm
Friday 31 March 2023	End of term
Monday 17 April 2023	Students return to school



Mock Trial Competition

On Saturday 11 March, a group of Year 8 and 9 students went to Reading Crown Court to participate in Magistrates' Mock Trial competition, in association with the charity Young Citizens. The group of students, alongside Miss Doyle and Harriet from Year 13, have been practising for the competition since last October.

The team consisted of two prosecution lawyers, two defence lawyers, a group of magistrates, witnesses, a legal advisor, and an usher. Young Citizens created a fictional criminal case involving the use of a weapon in public and the team had to make a convincing argument both for and against the defendant's prosecution. Denefield competed in Court Room Three with a real Magistrate, and judges, watching and scoring their efforts as well as the High Sheriff of Reading as a VIP.

The team were fortunate enough to have the guidance of future law student, Year 13 Harriet, who has helped them practice and build confidence in their legal debating skills – thank you Harriet!

It is with great pleasure to announce that Denefield placed third in the Berkshire regionals, out of eight schools, which is the highest we have ever achieved. Miss Doyle would like to thank the students for all their determination, focus and confidence – they truly are superstars!



Well done to: Darcey B, Luke D, Lucas F, Jessica H-L, Hiba F, Ella G, Bella M, Finn S, Greg D, Ollie M, Mim L-I and Lily B.





Business and Travel and Tourism

This week's update is from our Business and Travel and Tourism department

Discussions in class over the last few weeks have been focussed on the increasing challenges faced by businesses and consumers as a result of inflation and possible economic instability. We have been looking at the impact rises in overhead costs could have on businesses both small and large and how the changing disposable incomes of consumers impact on the chosen strategies of businesses.

The continued ongoing changes in the news has allowed us to spend time in lessons across all of the courses taught in the department to discuss the implications of strategy and the decisions made by managers, owners and entrepreneurs.

Currently in Year 10 GCSE business students are looking at the external influences that affect small businesses including exchange rates, legislation, technology, interest rates and the business cycle.

Year 11 GCSE Business have been developing their knowledge of key terminology and theories for the Theme 1 and 2 papers as well as continuing to develop their examination technique.

In Year 10 BTEC Travel and Tourism students have been preparing for the first Pearson Set Assignment which investigates the role of tour operators and their relationship with other Travel and Tourism businesses, how technology is used at airports and why Amsterdam is a suitable destination for a business traveller.

Year 11 BTEC Travel and Tourism are now working on their last assignment for the course which involves them using their planning and researching skills to act as a travel agent for two customers.

Year 12 BTEC Business have been learning about personal finance where they have been covering borrowing, saving and financial institutions. As well as learning about business finance where they are currently looking at statements of comprehensive income and have covered cash flow forecasting and break even.

Year 13 BTEC Business have been investigating how businesses recruit and select employees and are now planning and preparing to take part in mock interviews as both the interviewer and the interviewee.

Year 12 A Level Business are currently investigating the impact of operational decisions and financial decisions on businesses. They have been working on developing their knowledge of a variety of different businesses through case studies linked to the topics.

Year 13 A Level Business have been learning about strategies and how factors affect the success or failure of businesses. They are now at the end of their learning on the course and will be focussing on the forthcoming examinations.

Year 12 BTEC Travel and Tourism are currently learning about global destinations and the factors that affect the popularity and appeal of them. This is to prepare for the examination in May.

Year 13 BTEC Travel and Tourism are currently investigating visitor attractions, their appeal, impact on the local and national economy and how they are funding in order to complete their final assignments.



There are lots of interesting documentaries and programmes available to watch which will increase students understanding of the topics they are learning and offer those who are not studying our subjects an insight into a range of businesses. Our recommended business and travel documentaries to watch this term are:

Dragons Den – BBC One

Talking Business – BBC iPlayer

Amazing Hotels: Life beyond the Lobby – BBC Two

Race Across the World - BBC

Aldi's next big thing – Channel 4

The secret world of (series about different businesses and industries) - Channel 4

Inside Bicester Village – Channel 5 (My5)

Enterprise Club

Enterprise club is run by Miss Lamport on a Wednesday lunchtime in A304 and is designed to help students to gain an understanding of what it is like to be an entrepreneur as well as helping to improve decision making, communication, numeracy, timekeeping, creative thinking and critical thinking skills.

The students who are currently attending are currently working on their ideas for a sustainable product that could be developed and sold as part of the 2023 10X DIY challenge. This challenge allows students to investigate their entrepreneurial skills through working in small teams with a starting budget of £10 each to develop a business idea. Students are required to develop a logo, marketing campaign and business plan including a pitch and then to sell their products or create a prototype to achieve maximum profit on their investment.

New members are always welcome, please feel free to come along and try the club.



The Wellbeing Hub



Coming Up in The Wellbeing Hub this week, March 13th ...

March's Theme: Sibling Relationships

- Podcast: Available to listen from Tuesday 14th March, Sibling Bereavement with Alicia Drummond & Child Bereavement UK, a charity that supports families and educates professionals when a child sadly dies, or when a child is facing bereavement.
- For more on family relationships please visit the Resources Page of The Wellbeing Hub and search Family.



Careers

National Careers Week 6 to 10 March 2023

This week we have celebrated National Careers Week with tutor time lessons looking at the history of women in the workplace and who is inspiring the future (as it tied in with International Women's Day). We also had poster displays and highlighted it in our career of the week on Satchel One. We also had an employer event for a small group in Year 9, the Future Skills quiz for Year 13, and Year 7 and 8 are continuing their Unifrog lessons and much more!



Bringing people TOGETHER. Imagining futures TOGETHER. Working TOGETHER in partnership. Asking businesses to come TOGETHER for your students. Developing ideas, confidence, skills and knowledge TOGETHER.

[NCW The Careers Download Edition 10 - National Careers Week](#)

NATWEST sponsored Monday and have a huge range of resources on their webpages. See here for each day's page as it becomes available. There are videos about fascinating careers, tips and guides etc.

[Monday - NCW 2023 Virtual Careers Fair](#)

The NHS sponsored Tuesday of NCW 2023. Click here for their amazing webpage, about 350 different careers in the healthcare industry: [Tuesday - NCW 2023 Virtual Careers Fair](#)

Wednesday is sponsored by Maritime Careers. Visit their page for anything related to careers at sea. There are some inspirational videos and virtual tours of cranes and ships: [Wednesday - NCW 2023 Virtual Careers Fair](#)

Thursday is sponsored by Engineering UK. There is a quiz and some great videos including one about coding drones to save lives! [Thursday - NCW 2023 Virtual Careers Fair](#)

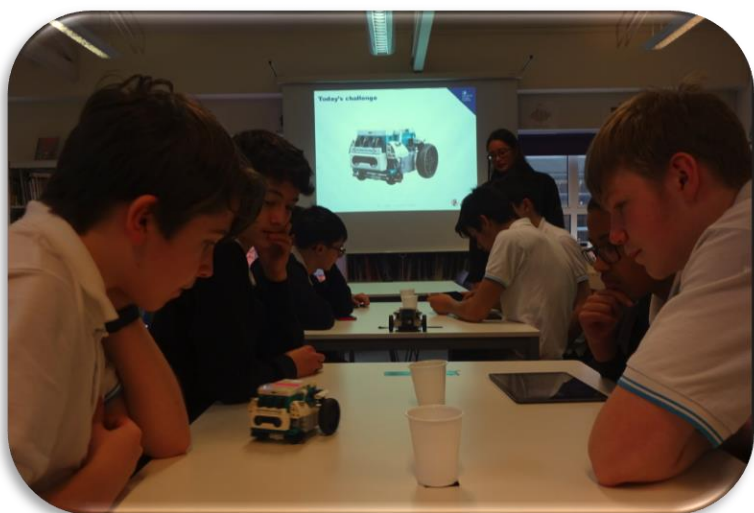
Friday is sponsored by the UK Space agency so visit the page to find out all the different jobs in this fascinating industry: [Friday - NCW 2023 Virtual Careers Fair](#)



Using Coding in Engineering – Oxford Advanced Skills event for Year 9



On Monday 6 March we excited to be welcome back Chanida and Bethy from Oxford Advanced Skills (OAS). They delivered a workshop to a small group of hand-picked Year 9 students who could consider a career in engineering based on their subject choices for GCSE's. They were introduced to the idea of engineering and what it involves and then worked on a task that involved coding a robot to move around a slalom course. Each group had time to work on a strategy and get their coding perfect before racing their robot. The eventual winners were gifted with branded water bottles. OAS are a leading training centre for engineering apprenticeships working for companies like Amazon and Williams Racing and want to inspire students that may not have considered engineering as a possible career. The students really enjoyed the experience and we are lucky to be able to give them this opportunity so thank you to the team.





Extra-curricular

Please see below details of our extra-curricular activities which take place during lunch times and after school. Details can also be found [here](#) on our website.

Lunchtime		When	Room	Years
Monday				
Learn a language		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A301	All
Ukulele club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M117	All
Tuesday				
3D printing Years 7 & 8		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
Choir		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M118	Years 8 to 13
KS3 Maths Boost		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A104	KS3
KS4 & KS5 Debate Club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A204	KS4 & KS5
Pride Club		12.30pm to 1.00pm	A201	All
Wednesday				
Enterprise		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A304	All
Fashion		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
Thursday				
3D printing – Years 9 to 11		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
DofE drop in		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M119	Year 9, 10, 11
KS4 Maths Boost		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A104	KS4
Friday				
Chess Club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A204	All
Feminism Club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A201	All

After School		When	Room	Years
Monday				
Manga		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
Tuesday				
Baking		3.00pm to 4.30pm	P206	All
Books		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
Boxing		3.00pm to 4.00pm	PE	All
DT		3.00pm to 4.00pm	M106	All
Wednesday				
Warhammer		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
Thursday				
Architecture		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Art studio	All
Board games		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
CCF		3.45pm to 6.00pm	Pangbourne College	Year 10 and 11
Science Crest award		3.15pm to 4.15pm	P205	All
Friday				
Aim high		3.00pm to 4.00pm	A203	All
Greenpower		3.00pm to 4.00pm	M106	All



PE Extra-curricular

After School PE		When	Where	Years
Monday				
No PE clubs/activities				
Tuesday				
GCSE Badminton		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports hall	Year 10 and 11
Netball – Years 8 & 9		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Courts	Year 8 and 9
Girls rugby		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	All
Wednesday				
Girls Netball – Years 7		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Courts	Year 7
Handball		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports Hall	All
Thursday				
Basketball		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports Hall	All
Friday				
No PE clubs/activities				



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